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<u>REMARKS</u>

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 31, 33, 34, 36-40, 44, 46 and 49-55, objected to claim 5 and rejected claims 1-5, 28-30, 32, 35, 45, 47, 48 and 56. The objections and rejection have been overcome by the amendments made above.

Claims 1, 3, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 46, 47, 49 and 52 have been amended and claims 4, 5, 31 and 36 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 31 and intervening claims 4 and 5. Allowed dependent claim 33 has been amended to include independent claim 1. Claim 35 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed dependent claim 36. Allowed dependent claim 46 has been amended to include independent claim 1 and intervening claim 45. Allowed dependent claim 49 has been amended to include independent claim 1. Allowed dependent claim 52 has been amended to include independent claim 35. Claims 1, 33, 35, 46, 49, 52 and their dependents are therefore allowable as the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

It should be emphasized that these modification were done to expedite the prosecution of this case. Therefore, the Applicant reserves the right to proceed with any previously rejected claims. In fact, it should be noted that the Applicant maintains their previous arguments concerning the cited art and respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assertions thereof.

Applicant believes that all pending claims 1-3, 28-30, 32-35 and 37-56 are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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